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Ordnance unearthed in Spring Valley

On March 8, 2006 at approximately 8:50 a.m., a 3-inch stokes mortar round was unearthed on Quebec Street in Northwest Washington, D.C., during routine project work in the Spring Valley neighborhood. Four houses were evacuated in accordance with safety procedures initiated by members from the 767th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company from Fort McNair, D.C. The area was cordoned off while EOD experts on scene analyzed the round.

The round was determined to contain no liquid, eliminating the possibility that it was chemical filled. The round was packaged and safely removed by the 767th EOD and D.C. Metropolitan Police for proper offsite disposal. No one was injured during the recovery and removal process and after approximately three hours residents safely returned to their homes.

In addition to Fort McNair EOD, members of D.C. Metropolitan EOD and Police were on scene. The round was recovered while project workers were removing contaminated soil from a resident's home as part of the Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site clean-up project.

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